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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re: ) AWA Docket 15-0103  
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CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS )  
COMPANY, an Oklahoma corporation )  
doing business as CARSON & BARNES )  
CIRCUS, )  
 ) CONSENT DECISION  
Respondent. ) AND ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA or Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS), on April 28, 2015, alleging that the respondent willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.) (Regulations and Standards) on March 22 and April 14, 2014. This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling these proceedings, to the entry of this decision. The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Carson & Barnes Circus Company (Carson & Barnes Circus) is an Oklahoma corporation doing business as Carson & Barnes Circus, and whose registered agent is Sean K. Huffman, PLLC, 700 South Pack Drive, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 74728. At all times mentioned

in the complaint, respondent Carson & Barnes Circus was an exhibitor, as that term is used in the Act and the Regulations, and held AWA license 73-C-0001.

Conclusions of Law

Respondent having admitted the findings and conclusions set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the Regulations and Standards issued thereunder.
2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$16,000, to be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and to be remitted no later than May 15, 2016.

The provisions of this order shall become effective immediately. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS COMPANY  
an Oklahoma corporation

Its \_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

Colleen A. Carroll  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2016

~~Janice K. Ballard~~ *CAJ/V*  
Administrative Law Judge